

Views from the Terrace

2021 HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

As we stand on the threshold of the new year 2021, it is understandable that we may well be wondering what this new year will bring to us. And we don't know how we will spend this new year that is before us.

But we know the truth of the Scripture verses recorded in **James 4:14-15**, which keep reminding us that we must humbly accept each day as God's gift to us.

¹⁴You do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

We use the letters D.V., the abbreviation for the Latin phrase Deo Volente, which means:

God willing; if nothing prevents it.

And we like the statement by Bill Keane
(adapted from Eleanor Roosevelt):

"Yesterday is history,
tomorrow is a mystery,
today is a gift of God,
which is why we call it the present."

Because of provincial social distancing laws, the coffee socials, the hymn-sings, and the Bible studies have all been cancelled, and we certainly do miss all those hours of good fellowship.

We hope that things will be back to normal soon in the new year, and that the new vaccine(s) will be effective in controlling the spread of the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic.

We wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year. And we pray that we together may continue to be that *caring community* that we all treasure so much.

(BL)

Just One Request

*Dear Lord as this new year is born
I give it to Thy hand.
Consent to walk what paths
I cannot understand.*

*Whatever coming days may bring
Of bitter loss or gain,
Or every crown of happiness;
Should sorrow come or pain.*

*Or, Lord, if all unknown to me
Thine angel hovers near
To bring me to that farther shore
Before another year.*

*It matters not, my hand in Thine,
Thy light upon my face,
Thy boundless strength when I am weak,
Thy love and saving grace.*

*I only ask, loose not my hand,
Grip fast my soul, and be
My guiding light upon the path
Till, blind no more, I see.*

From your NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Applause to Adrian Dieleman for the eight years that he served as Editor of the Evergreen newsletter! Furthermore, I sincerely thank him for being helpful to me, as I have taken on the role of Editor.

I am grateful for all the contributors and writers for these monthly newsletters, and also for those who work anonymously behind the scenes (including proof-readers and advisers).

To all my neighbours at Evergreen: I wish you the priceless gifts of **hope**, **joy**, and **peace** for the New Year.

- Blessings, Linda T.

Greetings from the BOARD
of Evergreen Terrace

We are looking forward to the new year with hope, as we always should. But this year we are especially looking for relief from this virus, that has affected our lives so much. I am proud of all the residents for their efforts to work through this pandemic to keep safe.

Your Board has been busy looking for a new Property Manager, and we are happy to announce the hiring of Jan Visser. We hope that you welcome him warmly.

We also would like to thank Dick Vermeer for his many years of service. He has served faithfully and will continue helping Jan to "learn the ropes". Please take the time to let Dick know that he will be missed.

At the Board, we always try to look ahead for coming needs at our facilities, especially as our building ages. That is why the hot water and heating systems were replaced in 2020, and the roof the year before. Without being on sound financial footing, this would have been very difficult.

As a Board, we wish all residents a blessed new year.

- *Rick Batenburg, Board Chairman*

From our retiring Property Manager:

Having been Property Manager of Evergreen Terrace for over 18 years, since September 2002, it has been both a pleasure and a privilege to serve the ET community in this capacity.

My task will be taken over by a person most of you are familiar with, your fellow resident and neighbour: Mr. Jan Visser. He comes to the job with considerable experience and looks forward to serving you. I plan to be available both for initial training and further consultation for Jan as the need arises.

Again, my heartfelt thanks for the many years of cooperation and friendship to help make and keep Evergreen Terrace the wonderful community that it is.

Blessings to all. *Dick Vermeer*

From RESIDENTS COUNCIL:

We wish all residents a blessed and healthy 2021.

Dick Vermeer is retiring as Property Manager, as of January 1st, 2021, and we thank Dick for the many years of managing the Evergreen Terrace community.

We thank Jan Visser for taking on this job from Dick.

Ben Van Hoffen will take the Residents Council seat from Jan Visser. And Jan will continue to attend Residents Council meetings, now as our Property Manager. (JA)

INTRODUCTION
from our new PROPERTY MANAGER

Hi, everyone. As you are all aware, Dick Vermeer is retiring from the position of Property Manager at Evergreen Terrace. The Board of Evergreen Terrace has hired me to fill Dick's shoes.

I am Jan Visser, and my wife Marian and I have three grown children (two boys and a girl), and eight lovely grandchildren. We began our married life in Burlington, and then moved to Waterdown for a few years before we settled in Beamsville for about twenty-five years. We now have made Suite 502 at Evergreen Terrace our home.

Most of my working career was spent at a window manufacturing company in Burlington. I started there as a labourer and worked up to the position of manufacturing supervisor. After my "retirement", I offered out my services as a handyman; you know... a Jack of all trades and master of none. Now I hope to put all my effort in as Property Manager.

I personally would like to thank Dick for all the years of service he has given to Evergreen Terrace and its residents. I think I can say that we all wish him all the best and God's blessings in his retirement with his wife Mary.

I pray that God gives me the wisdom and understanding to work with you all in continuing to make Evergreen Terrace a wonderful place to live in Christian fellowship.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

- *Jan Visser*

From the VISUAL ARTS committee:

The fall movie showings were successful, with the sign-up sheets doing exactly what was required. The next few months are still a large question with the present lockdown. We are ready with our next movie whenever we are allowed to meet together again. We will keep you posted. Keep your eye on the bulletin board and/or the door of the Willow Room. (BVH)

Meals on Wheels

The workshop committee has been active in making some nice shelves to fasten beside the door of those who receive delivery of Meals On Wheels. As we walk down the hallways, the current situation is not attractive or safe, with a variety of small tables, stools, and even an upside-down pail for the meals to be placed upon.

In the next few weeks, we will be installing these new shelves wherever they are needed. At last count, there are at least sixteen residents making use of the Meals On Wheels program. (DV)

HUMOUR

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Q: How come no one listens to New Year's resolutions?

A: Because they go in one year and out the other.

WORDS OF WISDOM

I have only one resolution:

To rediscover the difference between wants and needs.

May I have all that I need, and want all that I have.

QUOTE - from Corrie Ten Boom:

If you look at the world
you'll be distressed.

If you look within,
you'll be depressed.

If you look at God,
you'll be at rest.

From the TRANSPORTATION committee:

Volunteer drivers provide rides for our residents at the following rates: (a) \$5 in town, (b) 30 cents per km out of town, (c) parking charges extra.

From the Puzzle Corner (4th Floor):

Throughout the past twelve months of 2020, we have been keeping track of how many jigsaw puzzles we have completed at the puzzle table on the 4th floor.

During the year 2020, we have completed **132 puzzles**, for a total of **103,355 pieces!** What fun!

Doing all these puzzles has been a community effort, including many of you who stop by for a few minutes, just to put in a few pieces, or to chat and give encouragement to whoever is working at the puzzle table. Also, thanks to all those who donated or shared their puzzles with us. Much appreciated! (LT)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Bertha Vermeer	Beilen	118
4	Sara Blomberg	Amersfoort	419
5	(Rickie Brouwer)	Harfsen	310
11	Fytje Wielink	Ede	104
17	Tena Hoiting	Appingedam	208
21	John Bergshoeff	Pijnacker	509
23	Doreen Ellis	Toronto	303
31	Ria VanLuik	Wieringermeer	308

Happy Birthday!!

From the Province of Ontario:

Provincial status on COVID-19

Update on December 21, 2020

Province-wide Shutdown

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise at an alarming rate, the Ontario government in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is imposing a province-wide shutdown to minimize transmission of the virus and prevent hospitals from becoming overwhelmed.

It will go into effect Saturday, December 26, 2020, at 12:01 am. The restrictions are in effect until Saturday, January 23, 2021 for all public health units in Southern Ontario.

The province-wide shutdown would put in place time-limited public health and workplace safety measures to help stop the trend of high COVID-19 transmission in communities, preserve health system capacity, safeguard vulnerable populations and those who care for them, and save lives.

Measures include, but are not limited to:

- Restricting indoor organized public events and social gatherings, except with members of the same household (the people you live with).

- Individuals who live alone may consider having exclusive close contact with one other household to help reduce the negative impacts of social isolation.

On the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, all Ontarians are advised to stay home as much as possible with trips outside the home limited to necessities such as food, medication, medical appointments, or supporting vulnerable community members.

(Source: Province of Ontario)

Wishing you all a safe and healthy New Year!



Happy 2021 to Evergreen!!

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